

JOINT MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI AND
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
LODI, CALIFORNIA

October 28, 1976

A special joint meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi and the Governing Board of the Lodi Unified School District was held pursuant to written notice being mailed to each member of the City Council, Governing Board of the Lodi Unified School District, KCRA TV News, the Stockton Record, the Lodi News-Sentinel, Lodi Cable TV and KCVR Radio Station at least 24 hours prior to the meeting in compliance with Section 54956 of the California Government Code.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Richard Hughes.

PRESENT: Lodi Unified School District Governing Board Members:
Mr. Calvin Suess, President; Mrs. Laurel Wisenor, Vice President; Dr. Thomas J. Carleton; Mrs. Nancy Engelson; Mrs. Bonnie Meyer; Mr. Edward Pickering.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. James Sasaki

PRESENT: Lodi City Council Members: Mr. Richard Hughes, Mayor; Mr. Walter Katnich, Mayor Pro Tempore; and Mr. Ted Katzakian.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmen Ezra Ehrhardt and James W. Pinkerton

Also present were: Mr. Ellerth Larson, Superintendent; Mr. Constantine Baranoff, Director of Facilities and Planning; Mrs. Joan Jensen, Secretary to Mr. Ellerth Larson; Mr. Henry Graves, City Manager; Mr. Robert H. Mullen, City Attorney; and Mrs. Alice Reimche, City Clerk. It should be noted that other staff members from both bodies were present in the audience.

Board President Calvin Suess appointed Board member E. H. Pickering as Acting Secretary of the Board.

ROLL CALL Attendance of members of the City Council was recorded by the City Clerk.

Board President Suess directed Acting Board Secretary Pickering to record the attendance of the Lodi Unified School District Governing Board members.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tempore Katnich.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Hughes led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

TOKAY HIGH SCHOOL PURCHASE OPTION Agenda Item A - "Tokay High School Purchase Option" was introduced by Mayor Richard Hughes. A brief summary on the background of the Tokay High School Purchase Option was given by Mayor Hughes. Mr. Ken Boyd who is serving as Chairman of a Citizens Committee to determine how this site might be acquired was introduced by Mayor Hughes.

Mr. Ken Boyd then addressed the School Board and City Council on the status of his Committee's activities. Mr. Boyd named the other members of this Committee as follows:

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Mr. Glen Daumbach
 Mr. Jake Ferguson
 Mr. Robert Rinn
 Mr. Ben Schaffer
 Mr. Ivan Suess, Corresponding Secretary
 Ms. Margaret Talbot
 Mr. Al Van Veldhuizen
 Mr. Fred Weybret, Vice Chairman
 (Mr. Ken Boyd, Chairman)

Mr. Boyd reported that an indepth study of the project has been made by the Committee and based on that a rough outline on proceeding on the project has been formulated by the Committee.

Possible sources of funding for this project were outline in depth by Mr. Boyd.

Information is being gathered as to costs, usage, and maintenance costs from other cities who have such facilities according to Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Boyd listed suggested uses for such a facility that have come from the community and encouraged other community groups and organizations who would have use for such a facility to apprise the Committee of their needs.

Mr. Boyd concluded his remarks by stating that the Committee's charge is simply, at some point in time, to come to the Council and make a recommendation; and added that the Committee is as anxious as the Governing Board of the Lodi Unified School District and the City Council to see that this site is put to the best possible use. Mr. Boyd then encouraged the citizens of the community to get in touch with the Committee as to their feelings about the project, anticipated uses of such a facility and possible sources of funds.

Discussion followed with questions regarding the matter being directed to Mr. Boyd and staff members by the Governing Board and the Council.

Following an inquiry by Board member Meyer, Superintendent Larson stated that consideration has been given to the short term usage of conforming buildings at Tokay High School for the alternative high school for opportunity classes, for the housing for the Horizon School and for other options primarily with secondary schooling that may develop in the next year or two. Mr. Larson also stated that they would not choose to have those functions on that site in perpetuity.

In responding to an inquiry from Board President Suess, Mr. Boyd confirmed that the Committee would include in their Report to the Council the development of a plan for funding and also a planned use of the site.

Following questions raised by both bodies concerning the condition contained in the old Tokay High School Purchase Option dated March 31, 1975 which reads in part as follows:

".....the option granted herein shall be exercised by Optionee not later than 180 days after Optionor notifies in writing Optionee that the Tokay High School campus and buildings have been vacated",

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City Attorney Mullen stated that it is totally in the discretion of the Lodi Unified School District to tell the City when the School District is through with the site.

Board member Engelson inquired if the Committee would be interested in the Needham School site if the School District found that site would be available to the City sooner than the old Tokay High School site.

Mr. Boyd replied that the Committee would have no authority in making such a decision, but added that in speaking to representatives of the State Ways and Means Committee, they were apprised that there is a possibility of trading this site for State excess property in the area.

Mayor Hughes expressed appreciation to Mr. Boyd and his Committee and complimented Mr. Boyd for his very thorough report.

Board President Sues then summarized the discussion and stated that it appears that the City is saying "give us some time, because we don't have the money," and on the other hand, the District is saying "we need some time, because we may have additional uses for this property in the short range or intermediate range." Mr. Sues then added that if that is the case, "we" have a workable situation here. Mr. Sues concluded his remarks on the subject by stating that he feels very strongly, as an individual, that there is only going to be one chance for the community to have a parcel of land such as the old Tokay High School site to be developed as a Community Center and that he feels everything possible should be done to preserve that site for the future building of a Community Center.

Mayor Hughes voiced his concurrence with Board President Sues' comments.

CITY-SCHOOL DISTRICT RECIPROCAL USE OF FACILITIES

Agenda Item B - "City-School District Reciprocal Use of Facilities" was introduced by Mayor Hughes.

Mayor Hughes stated that the Council had received a number of complaints that citizens were having difficulty in getting access to City tennis courts as these courts were being used by the school, because of deficiencies at their own home courts. Mayor Hughes asked if there are plans afoot to remedy this situation.

CONCERNS REGARDING CITY TENNIS COURTS

Superintendent Larson responded by stating that the surface is now down on the tennis courts at the new Tokay High School site and that he would imagine that these courts would be operational within 60 to 90 days. Mr. Larson also advised that funds have been budgeted this year for resurfacing of courts at Lodi High School. Mr. Larson stated that he realizes this has been a vexing problem to citizens, however, he feels the major part of the problem should be resolved by School District action this year.

An inquiry as to community use of the new Tokay High School tennis courts was posed by Board member Wisenor. Board President Sues responded that in the past, School District Courts were made available to the community under the Reciprocal Lease Agreement.

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CONTINUED USE OF
GRAPE BOWL FOR
FOOTBALL GAMES
QUESTIONED

Councilman Katsukian stated that there is a program presently underway in the community to refurbish a portion of the seats in the Local Grape Bowl and that he has noticed a tremendous amount of new seats being put together at the new Tokay High site. Mr. Katsukian then inquired if it's the School Board's intention to eventually leave the Grape Bowl and hold football games at the new Tokay High School site.

Board President Sines responded by saying that he doesn't feel the matter has ever been discussed by the Board.

Board member Pickering stated that he has discussed this subject with the Athletic Director and the Athletic Director had indicated he is not desirous of moving out of the Grape Bowl.

Board member Carleton indicated his concerns regarding maintenance costs for the Grape Bowl and requested expenditure and revenue information on the Grape Bowl for the past 20 years. Dr. Carleton added that information he has received indicates that very seldom are there more than 2,000 to 3,000 people in attendance at football games there. Dr. Carleton then cited amounts of money that the City has expended for maintenance of the Grape Bowl and the amount of money that is projected for the refurbishment of seats at the Bowl and stated that for a small amount of money an additional 3,000 seats could be installed at the new Tokay High School site that should provide enough seating capacity for nearly any football game held at that facility.

INQUIRY REGARDING
1940 AGREEMENT
REGARDING USE OF
GRAPE BOWL

Discussion regarding the City-School District Reciprocal Use of Facilities Agreement followed with question being posed by Board member Pickering regarding a "1940 Agreement" regarding use of the Grape Bowl. It was determined by staff that the latest such Agreement in effect was executed by the School Board and City Council in June, 1972.

Mr. Pickering stated that Future Farmer students have been in touch with him expressing their concerns that the City is going to pull the concessions away from them and pointed out that the students have financed many of their projects from profits derived from these concessions.

City Attorney Mullen responded that that rumor was absolutely false and that the City Council has always protected the Future Farmers and their activities. Mr. Mullen added that the City Council is cognizant of the great things the Future Farmers have done with monies derived from the concessions.

Following additional discussion on the City-School Reciprocal Use of Facilities Agreement, it was tacitly concurred by both bodies that the Agreement be referred back to the staff of both entities for review and recommendation.

Board member Meyer asked if the School Board staff had researched Education Code Section 16653 for a clarification as to the permissibility of admission charges at school swimming facilities.

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RESEARCH OF
EDUCATION CODE
SECTION 16653
REQUESTED

Superintendent Leno indicated that this information was not available at this meeting. Board President Sues then directed that the requested information be researched by the School District and that the matter be placed on the Agenda of a further Unified School District Governing Board meeting.

CITY'S INVOLVEMENT
IN NEW TOKAY HIGH
SCHOOL 50-METER
POOL QUESTIONED

Board President Sues inquired if it is the City's intention or desire to join with the School District in the operational costs of the 50-meter pool to be constructed at the new Tokay High School site.

Discussion followed with City Attorney Mullen commenting that this matter has not formally come up before the City Council for consideration.

Following additional discussion, Mayor Hughes stated that once the City Council has been assured that the School District's plans have solidified on the matter, this will be placed on a City Council Agenda for consideration.

Mayor Hughes added that he realizes that once the School District undertakes this investment, they will need to know what other community involvement will be.

Following an inquiry from Board member Engelson, discussion followed as to whether the City would be able to make an on-going commitment to participate in the operational costs of the 50-meter pool or if it would be a yearly consideration.

Both Board President Sues and Mayor Hughes commented that they felt that this joint meeting had been beneficial to both bodies and that this type of joint meeting is a viable vehicle in keeping lines of communication open between both entities.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 10:00 p.m., the Governing Board of the Unified School District was recessed to Executive Session by Board President Sues, and Mayor Hughes adjourned the meeting for the City Council of the City of Lodi.

Alice M. Reimche
Attest: ALICE M. REIMCHE
City Clerk